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**Funerals** take place on weekdays at 11.30am. **Baptisms** Saturday’s at 4pm.

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

***15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th July***

***h March 2024***

**MASSES THIS WEEK 14th – 21st July**

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| Sat 13th | Mena Fitzpatrick, Church St. /  John & Eileen O’Connell, Woodford /  Michail Dragen, Moldavia | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 14th | Michael Murphy, Clieveragh /  Mary Hodgins, Dirha East | 9.00am |
| Tom Fitzgerlad, Billerough & Church St. | 11.30am |
| Mon 15th | Kit Harris, Greenville | 10.30am |
| Tues 16th | Special Intention – successful operation | 10.30am |
| Wed 17th | Liam Dillon, Dromerin Bridge, Birthday Remembrance | 10.30am |
| Thurs 18th | Eamon Tarrant, Church St. | 10.30am |
| Fri 19th | Special Intention /  Joe & Helena O Keeffe, Asdee | 10.30am |
| Sat. 20th | Ann & Bridie Doyle, Knockane | 10.30am |
| Hannah O Sullivan, Finuge /  Anne Prendiville, Moyvane, birthday remembrance /  John McEnery, Cahirdown /  Eugene, Eileen & John Paul McCarthy, Bunagara /  Michael & Catherine O Connor, Peggy Hickey & Johnny Nolan & dec. family members, Curraughatossane | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 21st | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Tony Tarrant, Curraghatoosane, **Months Mind** /  Clare Hurley, Bedford, **1st Anniversary /**  Michael Hennessy, Billerough | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS**

**Teresa Cahill,** Greenville.

**Kevin Dillane,** Killorglin, late of Cahirdown.

**Michael Broderick,** O’Connell’s Ave.

**Dano Lyons,** Derry.

**Nell Canty,** Ballygologue Park.

**Patrick (Paud) Hegarty**, Scartlea.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**

Lil Mai Sullivan, William St. / Mary Brassil, Coolagown / Con Canty, O’Connell’s Ave. & Ballyheigue.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Hussey, 0872386084 ***(emergencies only).***

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DIOCESAN CLERICAL CHANGES:** Bishop Ray has announced the Diocesan changes for 2024 which take effect on ***Wednesday next, July 17th*** . The only one effecting our Listowel Pastoral Area is that ***Fr. Brendan Carmody P.P.*** of Moyvane / Knockanure Parish is retiring and will take up residence here in Listowel. He will be replaced by ***Fr. Brendan Walsh P.P***. of Causeway / Ballyduff. We are delighted to welcome the Ballylongford native to our Pastoral Area and he will be available to help out in our Pastoral Area of Listowel, Duagh & Lixnaw. We are also delighted to welcome Listowel native, Fr. Brendan Carmody back to his home parish and he will make himself available to help Fr. Declan & Fr. Martin here in our parish & indeed in our pastoral area when he is free. We warmly welcome both Fr. Brendans and we wish them God’s blessing and hoping that they will have a happy and enjoyable stay among us.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL COMMUNITY CENTRE BASE offer** 3 months for €125. 1st July to 31st September. No contract, no joining fee, 7-day money back guarantee. Contact 068-22244 for more information, offer ends 14th July.

**AXEL HORGAN FUNDRAISING DANCE** save the date Sunday 21st July, 6pm to 9pm. at the Plaza Centre, Upper Church St. Listowel. Music by Paudie Coffey Band. In aid of 2-year-old Axel. Pay on the door on the night or purchase a ticket in advance call Mary on 0872595087, tickets €10.

Just a Thought

The sun is extraordinarily generous giving away huge parts of itself every second. Atoms of hydrogen combine to form helium producing vast amounts of light and heat. Scientists tell us that every second, inside the sun, the equivalent in size of 4 million elephants are being changed into light. If this generosity stopped, all energy as we know it would lose its source and everything, we know would die including ourselves. We live because of the generosity of the sun. But we tend to horde, fear the worst and hold onto as much as we can, including negative stuff. We are much slower in allowing ourselves to be generous with good news and especially our good news. God’s generosity can become our inspiration. From a spiritual point of view we say that God is so rich in love and generous beyond measure with blessings. In the Gospels one story stands out, about the man who went off and hid the talent he was given. He could not believe that God could be so generous and so he grew fearful and afraid. All he could do was hide, instead of sharing the talent and gaining so much more without even asking. During these summer days we are enjoying whatever sunshine comes our way. May it always be a reminder of God’s incredible generosity towards each of us. ***James McSweeney***